



Mr. Dulles:

Tracy Barnes attempted to get in touch with [redacted]
but was unable to locate him. However, he did talk to John Bross
who furnished the following report.

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The matter of whether the Committee should look into the way publicity on the U-2 was handled was discussed in Executive Session for some time. The points that were made, however, were substantially the same as those made at the previous meeting which you attended. The voting was on the issue of whether or not the matter should be discussed with the President, and it was 5 to 4 against raising it. Those who were in favor of speaking to the President were Mannie Sprague, C. D. Jackson, Mr. Reed, and Abbott Washburn. Those who were against were Gordon Gray, Livie Merchant, Williams of Defense, Karl Harr, and John Bross. However, Mannie Sprague felt that it probably should be taken up with the President anyway since it looked poor to have the three public members "for" and just the administrative people "against." Mannie also based his reasoning on the view expressed by Abbott Washburn during the discussion, namely, that if, in the course of history, a report of the Committee was studied and it was discovered that nothing was said about an event which was in the newspapers during a large part of the time the Committee was in session and on a subject which would be within its jurisdiction, it would affect the dignity of the Committee.

John added that the main reason the matter was brought up at the 6 June meeting was that C. D. Jackson and Mr. Reed had not been present at the previous meeting which you attended.

JSE
8 June 1960

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

This is to remind that you wish to call

[redacted] and Mannie Sprague about the

attached.

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Called [redacted]

Couldn't reach
Mr. Sprague

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